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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am very troubled by the efforts underway to rush approval of Yucca Mountain project as a storage place for high-level radioactive waste from nuclear facilities. I have been following this for years and am well aware, as you also have to be, that water gets into the rock there. Any containers stored in the Yucca Mountain site will corrode; we know what might happen if the contents in large amounts come in direct contact with each other. The radioactive contents will get into the ground water just as surely as anything can be. This would be a monumental catastrophe for the Shoshone Nation living there and for all generations to come. This is in violation of the DOE's guidelines for a repository site! YUCCA MOUNTAIN SHOULD NOT BE USED AS STORAGE SITE FOR HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

Another incredible fact is that Yucca Mountain is located in a seismically active area! How can anyone in conscience suggest such a place that must store deadly toxic radioactive material for hundreds of thousands of years? In addition, there are some volcanic cinder cones close enough to be visible from the site. YUCCA MOUNTAIN SHOULD NOT BE USED AS STORAGE SITE FOR HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

Another huge problem is the transportation of high-level waste from all over the country, but most of it from the Eastern US. This puts citizens in thousands of communities across the United States in constant danger of rail or road accident. We have accidents all the time. High level radioactive waste is not your ordinary hazardous waste; an accident with this may cost up to hundreds of billions of dollars to clean up-if it can be cleaned up. In addition to that is the danger to human life and health, both short and long term! YUCCA MOUNTAIN SHOULD NOT BE USED AS STORAGE SITE FOR HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

Adding insult to injury is the fact that the process of rushing the Yucca Mountain Project through by trying to cut short the process for meaningful public input is intolerable.

**Please do not allow the Yucca Mountain Project to go forward.** Do not let the September 11, tragedy be used as an excuse to push this through. That would be its own form of terrorizing the people of our loved country. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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